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According to Dr. A.W. Bork of Mexico City there will be 30c and 1 Peso regulars, and 50c and 1P.

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Average First Day For C & GS Commemorative

An average send-off was given the 3c Coast and Geodetic Survey commem on February 11 at Se-attle, Wash.

Two more denominations of the Presidential Series for regular postage were removed from further sale at the Philatelic Agency. They are the 3c and 16c.

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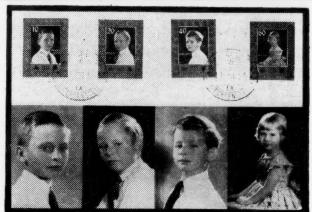
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UNUSUAL MAXIMUM CARD. The four children of the ruling house of Liechtenstein appeared in the designs of a set issued in 1955 for the 10th anniversary of the Red Cross in that country. These are mounted and tied to piece with a cancellation above the respective photographs. From left to right they are Princes Johann Adam (10rp.), Phillip (20rp.), and Nikolaus (40rp.), and Princess Nora (60rp.). The card was submitted by William E. James of Racine, Wis.

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Following the accession of Queen Elizabeth the Australian Postmaster-General's Department took steps during 1953 to revise the current range of postal stationery by utilizing impressed or embossed stamps portraying Her Majesty.

The new postcard, bearing a 3d stamp in green color was first issued at General Post Offices and Philatelic Sections in all States on July 1, 1953. As supplies of the 3d King George VI postcard became exhausted, the new one became available generally.



At the time of writing, this type is still current but as the recent postal rates revision has established a 4d postcard rate it can be expected that a new one to express this change will be introduced in the near future.

Lettercards

The Queen Elizabeth II lettercard, bearing a 3½d stamp in a red color, was issued on the same date and under the same conditions as the 3d postcard, except

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that in South Australia, the release came on June 30, 1953.

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No specific date of issue was set

No specific date of issue was set for these modified cards but their distribution was commenced by the printer on October 21, 1953 and they became available at post offices shortly afterwards.

A further variation in the lettercard was brought about when the form of the injunction on the front orm of the injunction on the front and back was altered to appear in the same type face as that at the base of the writing area. Distribution of this type of lettercard was commenced by the printer on March 16, 1954, and it was introduced for sale at post offices as supplies of the earlier type became exhausted.

During 1956 the lettercard was further modified by provision being made on the back for the insertion of the sender's name and address. This type became available about August 1956 and at present is still current. Under the new rates postage for lettercards is 4d and in due course a revised one will be income.

Newspaper Wrappers

Wrappers impressed with 2½.1 stamps in brown color, in the design shown, were first issued at general post offices in all States on July 23, 1953, and subsequently at other post offices as supplies of

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Interested persons can obtain further information by addressing a request to the secretary. It might be pointed out that the Alliance can be of considerable assistance to the collector of Confederates since within its ranks are the foremost collectors of the field who are quite willing to lend their assistance on various philatelic matters.



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Passing thought: The quantity overprinted of that surprise December "ONE CENT" provisional of Trinidad and Tobago is reported to be, 60,000 of which 10,000 faulty copies are said to have been destroyed. This stamp obviously provided some alert and fortunate people on the spot with what is perhaps the most spectacular rate of profit ever recorded in the field of stamps. The total face value of the entire issue of 60,000 is actually only. about \$350 U.S. dollarsbut on the very next day it had a wholesale value exceeding \$50,000!

The UN's 15c Souvenir Sheet, Passing thought: The quantity

The UN's 15c Souvenir Sheet, Scott No. 38, now selling for approximately 200 times face value, did even a little better for the canny investor, but this rise required a year and a half while the Trinidad provisional paid off these unbelievable dividends almost before the ink of the overprint was dry!

Linn's certainly penetrates to the most remote corners of the globe. The other day we received a note from a reader in Nigeria! A mis-

from a reader in Nigeria! A missionary deep in the interior, he maintains a keen interest in stamp collecting and provided us with the news that the ½d QEII of Nigeria is now being dispensed via machine from coil strips.

We previously reported that the 1d was being sold at Lagos in that manner. Both values are, of course, being sold concurrently in the usual sheets of 60. With the exception of some Canadian and Irish Free State coils which are similar to our own U.S. coil stamps, that is, perforated on two sides and imperf on the other two, British Commone other two, British Common-ealth coils are always perforated

wealth coils are always perforated all around.

Then how can they be identified as coils? In some instances by the watermark, which is sideways, in others by special perforations known to have been used only in the production of rolls of coils, and in many cases these coils cannot be identified as such at all unless you have a "paste-up" pair (called "join" in England), which means the two stamps joined where the individual strips have been glued together; one stamp has been partially moistened and affixed to the sheet selvedge of the other.

A philatelic era comes to an end on April 1 when the British Post Office in Tangier will release a combination commemorative and farewell issue. To mark the centenary of this agency's operation, a set of 20 Queen Elizabeth stamps of Great Britain (½d to 10/-, skipping the Pound) has been overprinted "Tangier 1857 - 1957". Don't miss out on that one! It must be considered as being in the nature of a "Stamp Centenary" set and it will therefore be of special interest to numerous topical collectors all over the world who are otherwise not especially interested terest to numerous topical collectors all over the world who are otherwise not especially interested in Tangier emissions. It will only remain on sale until April 30, so better get it mint and used, and a set of blocks put a side can't do any harm either. On that date, the British Post Office in Tangier will cease operations after 100 years of postal activity in the territory.

As we predicted in this space

As we predicted in this space many months ago, independent Morocco did not tolerate foreign post offices on its soil for long.

Australia's new 2/- "Antarctic

Australia's new 2/- "Antarcuc Territory" stamp, first of a series previously mentioned here, brings to mind our own Iwo Jima commemorative. Both feature flagraisings, although under entirely different circumstances, and both are based on photographs. In each

different circumstances, and both are based on photographs. In each case the names of the actual participants in the impromptu ceremony are known.

The "Aussies" on the new stamp are Peter Shaw, meteorologist, Philip Law, Director of the Antarctic Division of the Foreign Ministry, in effect "Governor" of the uninhabited icy wastes, claimed by the dominion and Dr. Arthur Gwynn, ornithologist. This is in-

deed a signal honor. It isn't every man who can show his grandchil-dren a real postage stamp with his own picture on it!

We recently discussed the British Antarctic Expedition covers offered by Stanley Gibbons of London, which are franked with the Falklands Dependencies issue Scott Nos. 1L34-37. An English stamp journal some months ago attacked Nos. 1L34-37. An English stamp journal some months ago attacked the 100-year old Gibbons firm for what it felt was their excessive price for these South Polar souvenirs. We differed and expressed the opinion that the figure asked, approximately \$1.50, was not, is entirely fair and justified. Recently the London firm offered these covers in the American philatelic press and we still feel that they are well worth acquiring at the are well worth acquiring at the above price.

Two questions which readers ask regularly are these: Can a collector on a modest budget form an interesting and worthwhile col-lection of British Colonials? He cerlection of British Colonials? He certainly can, if he sets himself certain limits and sticks to them. Two of the most popular fields are collections of King George VI or Queen Elizabeth II issues, restricted to short sets to the one shilling value or its equivalent. These are two collections anyone can afford, yet they will include fascinating pictorials from every continent. We suggest collecting mint sets which are obtainable from any dealer with a fairly good stock.

To form a used collection would

To form a used collection would involve a good deal of correspond-ence with various dealer specialists ence with various dealer specialists who may not want to bother with a wantlist of nothing but lower-priced stamps in the first place. A collection of mint sets to the shilling should be restricted to "face-different" stamps without going into shades, or perforation or watermark varieties.

The other question concerns the The other question concerns the investment potential of mint versus used British Colonials. It is always dangerous to generalize when it comes to stamps, but if you follow two simple rules you will rarely go wrong: Strictly from the investment angle, don't mix mint and used, stick to one or the other. Collect the large countries and colonies with a large population and a large volume of mail (for example Jamaica or New Zealand) in mint condition. Collect the small outposts with a small population outposts with a small population and a small volume of mail in used condition (for instance Ascension or Turks & Caicos Islands). It's as simple as that.

See you next week!

Lots Of Action For Slogan Fans

Various special temporary post various special temporary post office cancellations in connection with stamp shows, and slogan dies have been announced by the Post Office Department for use at vari-ous places in the next few months.

Philatelic exhibition stations will be in existence at the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies, Ithaca, N. Y., May 4 and 5; Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs convention, Bellingham, Wash., June.

Also the Society of Philatelic Americans convention, Long Beach, Calif., August 15 to 18; and the K of C Junior Exhibition station at Dumont, N. J., May 31 and June 1.

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At Tawas, Mich, March 1 through June 30, Iosco County's 100 years are to be publicized.

Browntown, Minn, is another centennial community (March 14 to July 28).

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The same for Trenton, Mo. where the mail will have the slogan until June 22.
Also in the 100 year bracket is Florissant, Mo. where the slogan expires on June 22.
Wellsville, N. Y. and Caruthersville, Mo. both mark centennials, the former through October, the latter until June 9.
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Corvallis, Ore. will use its centennial slogan through June 30.
Torrance tells about its being chosen an All American City with a slogan until August 31.
Three Ohio towns, Chardon, Burton and Middlefield will use slogans publicizing the annual Maple Festival until April 7.
The slogan "At Easter Help Crippled Children", will be available March 15 through April 21 at Waukegan, Springfield, Decatur and Elmhurst, Ill; Elkins and Huntington, W. Va.; Wilmington, Del.; Jacksonville and 3ig Spring, Texas; Charlotte, N. C.; Kansas City, Mo. Oconto Falls, Kenosha, and Fond Du Lac, Wis.; Danville, Ky.; and Houston, Texas.

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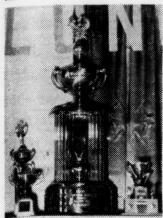
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Splendid Trophy For to be elected. He is now further honored by being elected a member of the Council of the society. POLPEX Grand

A beautiful, large-size trophy was awarded for the first time during the recent POLPEX of the Polonus philatelic Society in Chicago. It will remain in perpetual competition; it is the grand award at all future shows.

The question has frequently been asked of me "How can I make



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Between shows the trophy will be housed at the Polish Roman Catholic Unions Museum of Polish Art and Culture, 984 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.

Ozark Exhibition In Springfield, Mo.

The dates for the annual exhibition and bourse of the Ozark Mountain Stamp Club are May 25 and 26. The show and dealers will be set up in the YWCA in Springfield, Mo.

There will be a banquet, open to all, at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening. Reservations and tickets are to be gotten from Mrs. Ila Cook, 731 E. Elm St., Springfield, Mo.

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vations can be gotten through John F. Winn, 502 W. Broadway, Boli-var, Mo.

Confederates For The Beginner

George N. Malpass

The question has frequently been asked of me, "How can I make a showing of Confederates when there were only about 15 stamps issued?" Such may be the case, from a strictly "space-filling" point of view. However, most collectors—assuming they have secured a copy of each of the major stamps of the General Issues—want to go on from there, and the field is wide open.

For there, and the field is wide of For those who do not care much about "covers" the stamps of the General Issues have much to offer the specialist. In the series of lithographs (Scott #1 - 5) there are well defined varieties of in-pression from the several printing stones used, as well as numerous color shades.

The typographs (#6, 7, 14) comprise an interesting group, especially the so-called "Local" print. This stamp, modest in price, can produce a page of striking contrast in color shading and impression.

The recess-plate or "engraved" group (#8 - 13), represents for the most part very fine workmanship, and the stamps compare favorably with any produced in the U.S.A. during the same period.

The more common types (#11, 12) exhibit many differences, which can add an interesting page at moderate cost.

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Most of the towns within the confines of the Confederate States postal system employed the postmark as the "killer" so that a used stamp will generally show enough of the town marking for identification. This is in contrast with the U.S. stamps of the Civil War period which were usually "hit" by a separate canceler. Town postmarks were generally in black or blue, more rarely in red, green, brown or violet.

As the Confederate collector advances he becomes more interest-

value and popularity of these philatelic classics. There is no end to collecting Confederates! I have been at it for more than 40 years, with constantly growing enthusiasm!

asm!
Students of Confederates have enriched the philatelic literature to a significant extent because of their willingness to study, to learn and to share their knowledge with others. Virtually all collectors of Confederates have joined the Confederate Stamp Alliance, a non-sectional, non-political fraternal organization which has its own monthly publication and annual convention.

Further information can be ob-

Further information can be obtained by addressing the secretary, T. W. Crigler, Jr., Macon, Miss. If you are interested in Confederates, we are interested in

Leach Elected To Council Of The BPS

Great Britain Philatelic Society was formed in January 1956 by a group of specialists in Great Britain for intensive study of British issues and the preparation of an advanced catalogue, which is already well under way.

Maj. K. M. Beaumont, former president of the Royal Philatelic Society, was elected as the first president, and Lt. Col. J. B. M. Stanton as Chairman of the Council, for the first year, both being re-elected this past January. A number of study circles have been formed, and information service is available to all members. There is also an excellent philatelic photographic service.

Richard Leach, now president As the Confederate collector advances he becomes more interested in "usage" and develops an interest in covers. Born and used under wartime conditions, these literally "scream History", and in their collection knowledge plays an important part. There are adhesives on cover, "Paid" or "Due" markings, and a host of other elusive and interesting usages.

For the affluent, one can join the elite by seeking the rare Postmasters' Provisionals. The recent Caspary sale serves to accentuate the

List Rules For Juniors' Contest

The Junior Philatelic Essay Contest winch is being sponsored by the Philatelic Research Society of Oakland, Calif. has already aroused the interest of young collectors all across the nation.

Barbara R. Mueller, who has taken numerous prizes for her writing and her philatelic exhibits, and who is a member of the Philatelic Research Society, has consented to act as one of the judges in the contest

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Trophies will be given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place essays in each age group, and these will be supplemented by special trophies donated for best entries from different sections of the country. Anyone interested in furthering this activity may get in touch with the chairman at 3822 Harrison St., Oakland 11, Calif.

The complete rules follow:

1—Essays entered in this contest must be the original work of the contestant. Entering an essay gives the Philatelic Research Society the right to submit it for publication to any stamp paper it chooses, with proper credit to the author. Essays will not be returned.

2—Any person (boy or girl) under 18 years of age who has collected stamps for at least two years is eligible to enter this competition. There are no entrance fees.

3—There will be two age groups—one for those under 14 years of age, and one for those between 14 and 18.

4—Each contestant will choose his or her own subject, but an

containing the essay must then be put in a second envelope addressed to the Contest Chairman, Philatelic Research Society, 3822 Harrison St., Oakland 11, Calif.

8—Competent judges will be appointed by the Philatelic Research Society, and they shall judge upon literary merit as well as philatelic knowledge. Their decisions will be final.

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9—Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in both age groups, and a certificate of participation will be awarded every one who submits acceptable material.

Notes From Israel

Pierson Ostrow

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4—Each contestant will choose his or her own subject, but an essay on some special stamp, or issue, or upon the stamps of one country, or a special subject will be preferred to general articles.

5—There is no required length—1200 words is maximum.

6—Essays must be mailed to the Philatelic Research Society postmarked before midnight October tays in the proper only, without the contestant together without the contestant together without the contestant together without the contestant together with age and date of birth, put upon the envelope. The envelope



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Panama's Pope Stamps

The Panama Pope Stamps are now a dead issue for which every philatelist as well as every honorable stamp dealer should give thanks. The announcement of this series over a year ago created a sensation in the philatelic world. If put over it would have outranked Seebeck for the damage it would have done to our hobby as well as for the cash prize

that the promoters would have gotten for their efforts.

The publishers of Linn's Weekly Stamp

The publishers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News feel especially proud of their part in killing off this avalanche of stamps made for collectors, for only Linn's Weekly of all the leading philatelic publications condemned and fought against the issue as well as refused to accept advertising from the exploiters.

Thus far the Scott Catalogue has seen fit to refuse to list this set of the Pope stamps of which some few thousand sets were actually sold. Even the Addenda of the catalog does not include them.

The promoters of this scheme, Messrs. James E. Ross and Howard L. Pearle are now perhaps a bit wiser and a bit short of ready money. Had the scheme worked out as they had planned, it would have cost stamp collectors over the next ten,000 per year.

years an estimated \$10,000,000 per year.

Elaborate attempts to float the original issue as well as popularize it were made. Considerable advertising space was bought and paid for in many of the leading big national magazines of this country as well as in those stamp publications which accepted their advertising The Pope Set is dead, long live the Pope.

The Thieves Are Known

GEORGE W. LINN

At this time we are happy to say that the name of the person to whom the Weill Brothers wrote a check for many thousands of dollars for the purchase of the Gerber Auction lots stolen in Tampa in 1953 as well as the stamps stolen from the APS show in San Francisco, as well as the name of the individual collector who introduced the man who had the stamps, to Robert Siegel are known. It is deemed undesirable that these names be made public at this time, but such will eventually be named when the thief is found.

For the information of collectors in all parts of the country and of special interest to Florida dealers we can state that none of the well known and reputable stamp dealers of Florida are involved in this case. However it is believed that a Florida name will figure prominently in the final analysis.

Specialist Societies

There seems to be a never ending parade of new stamp collector societies. Just what the reason for all this is, we do not know but we have often thought that it stems from the desire of more and more collectors to be officers of some sort. Why can not any specialist group exist without forming a new society and thus adding to the burden of membership dues. Certainly the mother society, whatever its nature, maybe has room for any specialist group within its confines and would gladly give space in its official journal to promote them.

We shudder at what will hapepn if members of the American Topical Association should ever feel the urge to organize a society for the collection of trains on stamps, ships on stamps, flowers on stamps, or any one of the other hundreds of subjects that might properly come within the scope of Topical collecting.

Latest in the specialist clubs happens to be in the Precancel field. Here we have a group whose aim is to collect precanceled stamps with a Printed date. Doubtless many who join will collect other types of precancels as well but will be urged to join this specialist society and pay dues to it. It all seems foolish for certainly the Precancel publication would gladly give news and information concerning Printed dated precancels if asked to do so. Perhaps the great fault is that the individual collectors always wait to see what the other fellow has to say, rather than say it themselves. There is an unlimited field of interest and an unlimited field of knowledge in the minds of stamp collectors of all types. The great trouble is that most of them fail to realize that they may have found something, or may know something that would be of interest to other collectors. Their failure is in not writing up the matter and sending it to the proper journal for publication.

For our own part we welcome brief news items about anything in

For our own part we welcome brief news items about anything in the stamp world, precancels, topical subjects or any other subject that has to do with stamps. We are often asked to publish something about something, but since our own fields of collecting are limited we are not active in a hundred others and thus do not see or know things that those in other fields may see or know, so how are we to get the information? the information?

the information?

Collectors should share their knowledge with their brothers. Our own knowledge is limited, we do not profess to know it all, but you who do know something have an obligation to tell others, so get busy boys, tell about anything that has not been told before. You do not need specialist groups to spread your knowledge to a limited number of your collector friends. Tell it to all and perhaps by so doing you will make others interested in your pet field.

Speaking Of Precancels

I just happened a few days ago to find something that I have not yet seen mentioned in the Precancel journals altho I do not read them as fully as I would a journal on the particular subjects in which I am interested. So here goes, if you know about this just skip the matter and let it go at that, but if it is something new you can start looking for it, for I believe what I am to tell here will create another major variety in precancels, Bureau Precancels, I should have said.

It is the common 3c Presidential stamp of 1938, now out of print so it may be a rarity.

The stamp is of the SAINT LOUIS / MO. type known in the precancel catalog as TYPE B-15. As you should well know the bars above and below the wording are what a printer would call a two point rule. That means a ruled line two seventy-seconds of an inch in width.

Well, I have just found a copy of the 3c Prexy which has the lower of the two rules a full four point rule, or a rule double the width of the normal rule used on these stamps.

There are two ways in which this thing could happen. The rules that are used by printers in making up a form of 100 for overprinting on these stamps are of two kinds. The oldest and most common type is a brass rule which has a face two points wide. Brass rule of this size with a two point body may have a face on it which is either a hair line, a one point face or a two point face. In making forms for (EDITORIAL CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

SMILEATELICS . . . Bob Rieker Discover Portrait



"Sorry — didn't hear you call dear. Did you want me to empty the garbage?"

ATA Maps On Stamp Unit In Third Year

Collectors of map stamps are invited to become affiliated with the Map Stamp Unit of the American Topical Assn. This group, starting its third year with 250 members, is already the largest Unit in the ATA testifying to the wide interest in mars on stamps. wide interest in maps-on-stamps for topical collectors.

It publishes its own bi-monthly 16-page bulletin, The Carto-Philatelist. The current issue includes a discussion of map projections by G. Gilbert Kleine, new issues by Judge William R. Horney, the twelfth installment of the Map Stamp List with special reference to the map cancellations of Israel by Wilfrid Webster, and informative notes.

In addition to keeping its

In addition to keeping its members posted on map stamps, the Unit has recently announced the establishment of a sales department through which its members may buy and sell map stamps and related material.

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The Unit presents an annual trophy for the best map stamp exhibit at Topex and plans to hold several regional meetings for its members this year.

Permanent officers recently elected are: Allen H. Seed, Jr., New York, president; W. R. Horney, Centreville, Md., and Walter Klinefelter, Red Lion, Pa., vice presidents; Kenneth B. Leib, Wantagh, N. Y., secretary-treasurer.

urer.
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Now a second plate has come

seen today.

Now a second plate has come from hiding, a beautifully engraved portrait of the "Cavalier" Confederate cavalry Lader, Major-General J.E.B. Stuart, complete with his famous whiskers. This plate was used during the Civil War period by a New York engraver, who reproduced the portrait on small cards, for collectors. It is an excellent likeness of Gen. Stuart, recognized in both South and North alike as the greatest cavalry leader of the Civil War.

The engraving is on a double

The engraving is on a double folder, about 5 x 7 inches in size, with biographical notes on the second page, detachable if desired. This will be the only printing (250 copies), after which the plate will be turned over the amount of the control o be turned over to a museum. If you wish a copy, send \$1 to George N. Malpass,; 5401 9th St. North, St. Petersburg, Fla., and it will be forwarded postpaid.

Entry Deadline Near Of Dayton SPA Show

Norman H. Lee, exhibition chairman, announces that entries for the Third Annual S.P.A. Mid-Year Meeting must be submitted by April 13. A Prospectus may still be obtained from John Kearns, 204 Niagara, Dayton 5, Ohio.

Ohio.

Additional awards have been announced since last month. A beautiful silver tray will be donated by the Dayton Philatelic Society for the Grand Award. The host club will also give a silver tray for the best United States exhibit. The best in the Foreign, Air Mail, and Topical sections will receive handsome silver trays donated by Wiliam P. Brooks, Norman H. Lee, and Carl Soendlin, respectively.

The American Topical Assn.

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Of recent stamps the Architects has evoked about as much mail to this column as any. Not too many are complimentary.

are complimentary.

One item which has gotten a lot of panning is the color. Personally I thought it a delightful change and refreshing. I would have liked to have seen it a bit "harder" rather than in its pastel "softness". The soft pastels have a tendency to lack of sharpness of detail, even though such detail is present. Sharp details are a must with the small picture on the postage stamp.

small picture on the postage stamp.

Excerpts from two letters read—
"The Architecture commemorative I have does not look so much like a bird-bath or hub cap, but it resembles an auto engine valve. Wish we could have some attractive stamps!"

Another correspondent has extended his remarks a little—
"As I sat here this evening audibly critical of the repulsive postal monstrosity (Architect stamp)... the Missus drove up behind me and asked, 'What is it?'
"'Well,' says I, 'The object in the background is the capital of a column."
"'Yee' says she 'But what is

column.

"'Yes', says she, 'But what is that thing in front? A blunt thumb

tack?'
"'No', I replied, 'It looks more like a copper rivet with a big head.'
"So now you've got to settle the argument for us. I suppose you'll

argument for us. I suppose you'll recognize it as one of those well known supports of futuristic design. Tsk, tsk. Being only a crude civil engineer I wouldn't know."

Yes, friend, I do have the answer to what that object is. It is the latest style spring hat for the ladies. You will no doubt see many of them on Easter Sunday. And, you're welcome.

1. Martha Washington appears in 1. Martha Washington appears in these denominations of regular series — the 1902-03 8c; the 1922-25 4c; the 1938-43 1½c. On which does she wear a head covering?

2. One of the men of the 1922 regular postage series is depicted with a head covering. Which value?

There are any number of hard feelings developing between collectors and dealers because of the mad scramble for United Nations stamps. Dealers are accused constantly of advertising at stated prices and then not delivering even though orders are sent special delivery before the actual date on the Linn's deposited in the reader's mail box.

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There are two things to remember. First, that such accusations are quite true in a number of cases, and such reneging on the part of the dealer when he has a stock which he could sell at a good profit, is going to hurt his future status considerably more than the extra money he will get by refusing to fill orders.

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And second, that there is a tremendous demand for UN material. There is no problem whatsoever for a dealer to sell out a most substantial stock in a matter of 24 hours — and there are few, if any large holdings of the scarcer UN items. We know that a number of conscientious dealers have sold all they've had, and that's it.

I have several complaints where the dealers have just marked "Refused" on unopened orders, these then being returned to the senders by the POD. There is nothing wrong with that. If there is nothing more to sell why should a dealer open the envelope, type up another, transfer the contents, and spend 3c to return the original? His time and money are of value, too. The POD allows this.

In any case, where you believe you have gotten shoddy treatment, you have the remedy — just don't spend any money with said merchant anymore. But be fair about it — UN is out and out dynamite, and probably will be for months to come as everyone wants to get in on a good thing.

and probably will be for months to come as everyone wants to get in on a good thing. The same thing happens on the stock market. Otherwise, how do you suppose stocks increase in val-ue?

In commenting on the forthcom-

In commenting on the forthcoming 50th Anniversary of Military Aviation c o m me m (August 1, Washington, D.C.) George E. Shuman of Lancaster, Pa. writes—"...Where does the Postal Department, or the U.S. Air Force get that 50th Anniversary stuff? Theodore Roosevelt was president and I dare say he never gave much thought to the airplane as a weapon of warfare such as it is today. "During World War I the now

U.S. Air Force was a part of the U.S. Signal Corps. In the forepart of the war they were used mostly to spot targets for the artillery. Messages were transmitted mostly via beer bottles as close as possible to an artillery P.C.

"I would like to ask PMG Summerfield if we had an Air Force 11 years old in 1918, where in the h—l (Ed. Note - bad word) they were in July and August of that year when German planes would fly at will with no interference or any show of force.

fly at will with no interference or any show of force.

"I have reasons to know the Germans had one. On two occasions we came to within 30 to 40 feet. Both pilot and I looked each other in the eyes. The first tried his dest (Ed. Note - another bad word) to kill me. The second laughed at me. I was a medic and unarmed both times. No. 2 was, I believe, the most courageous man I believe I have ever seen in action. A 'balloon buster', cool, collected and happy Lt. Heinrich Frederick, blueged and blonde, age 19 years. Caught a group of us on the street in Dravigny in the Marne salient flat-footed when he swooped down on us with his finger on his machine-gun. He grinned, took his hand away from his gun, laughed, then freed both hands, leaned over the side of the cockpit clasping his hands together in a 'handshake'

"How do I know so much of this man? He was 'hoxed-in' 15 minutes

"How do I know so much of this man? He was 'boxed-in' 15 minutes later, his plane damaged and forced down. When the infantry boys walked up to him he gave his name, rank and age.

"I suppose this is about the strangest story you might have ever heard from War I. But there is still one witness living who can testify to it."

That is an enjoyable and interesting story all brought on by that mean ole U.S. Air Force and their 50th Anniversary stamp!

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date.

Scott's lists the first known use date of this stamp as May 12, 1890. The catalog firm has seen Mr. Leigh's cover and will in the next edition of the U.S. Specialized make the change to the new January 30, 1890 date.

The postmark was applied at Mine Run, Va. which had a small post office. It is located in Orange County. The letter is addressed to Mr. O.G. Crawford, Lorton Valley, Fairfax Co., Va.

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A collector can fill a volume with variations of settings, used, and mints, etc. of this issue. As a suggestion the following are a few of the items to go into such a collection. We have the First Day Covers all four stamps on one cover, the singles, the plate blocks in all pos-itions, plus pairs, vertically and horizontally.

Forgetting about the First Day Covers and the various positions, we have the eight plate blocks mint themselves in their positions.

Then the two sheets complete showing all the settings. One will not show them all. Then there is the pair of Fishing stamps, and the the pair of Fishing stamps, and the pair of Skiing stamps. In blocks of four there are seventeen positional settings, of horizontal pairs there are seven settings, vertical pairs there are ten settings; horizontal strips of three there are twelve settings, vertical strips of three there are eleven different settings, of horizontal strips of four there are nine different settings; vertical strips of four there are thirteen different. Not counting the First Day Covers and their possible arrangements I would say that there are a total of 93 different combinations. combinations.

Laurence Hyde of Montreal, who designed the set, did a wonderful job as far as artistic design was job as far as artistic design was concerned but on two stamps failed to be accurate. The fishing, if taken to heart by would-be anglers, could result in tragedy. The fisherman is shown sitting on the canoe thwart, rather than in the bottom, a rule of sefety in capoes to keep a rule of safety in canoes to keep the center of gravity low.

The paddler too is sitting on the rear thwart instead of kneeling on the bottom with his hips against the cross-bar. All of these bad safety practises could result in the canoe upsetting in a flash provid-ing one or both of the occupants made a quick move or was forced off balance by a variety of circum-19, 1953

The other size of 3½d envelope (5¾ x 4½in) was first distributed by the printer on October 26, 1953, and was brought into use in each State in the following month as supplies of the earlier King George VI envelope in this size became exhausted. Subsequently, at the end of 1954, embossing of this size of envelope was discontinued.

The 3½d envelope (5¾ x 3½in.) underwent, in 1956 the same modification as indicated earlier stances.

The golden retriever selected as the dog for the hunting stamp is a typical Canadian breed, a cross be-tween a Russian tracker and Brit-ish bloodhound. It was recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club in 1927. If the design is trying to comish bloodhound. It was recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club in 1927. If the design is trying to combine two sports, upland and waterfowl hunting at the same time, the design is accurate, but if not then the retriever was a poor dog breed to pick to show in upland game hunting. It is taught to sit while awaiting the command to fetch, from a duck blind. A retriever holding a pose as shown on the stamp is more worthy of a setter or pointer. Which goes to show a designer should check all possible persons, in this case, sportsmen's organizations, before adopting a suitable design. suitable design. To the collectors this inaccurate

safety practice and retrieving method means very little but to sportsmen of other countries where these stamps will go it means cause for amusement.

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and map of the sender's name and address. This envelope was discontinued in October 1956, because of the rate changes and was replaced by one bearing a 4d embossed stamp, in rosene color. The 4d envelope was placed on sale at General Post Offices on October 18, 1956.



The registration envelope bearing the 1s. 1/2d stamp was not subject to any modification but as the combined registration and postage charge is now 1s.7d it is to be expected that a new envelope reflective of this rate will be issued in due course.

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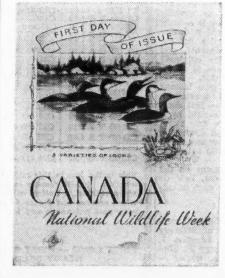
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1948 - WHAT DID IT COST Part VIII (Concluded)

Unlike private enterprise, when you go into a grocery store, drug store, or department store, and the item you want is sold out, you might ask the clerk or the owner to take another look and see if there is perhaps some more left over in the stockroom. This is not the case when ordering from the Philatelic Agency, for when the clerk tells you he is out, he has no way of knowing whether the stock will be replenished or not.

When so many thousands of col-

will be replenished or not.

When so many thousands of collectors try to keep up with all new stamps and when they find themselves feverishly pursuing so many plate blocks of so many issues, at such close intervals, it is very disappointing when suddenly, on short notice, a particular stamp becomes unavailable, and prematurely so when the numbers of impressions printed indicate that their presence should be on hand for a much long-or period.

At that time many collectors sought refuge in the aid of stamp dealers specializing in plate blocks, on whom they counted to complete their collection of all these many new issues. It was no easy assignment for it spelled rough sledding for many months to come, in this year of 1948. The inevitable result, when any certain plate number or issue appears to be sold out, is that anything and everything goes. The worst and most off centered plate block has a new cherished look and becomes far more desirable and appreciated.

For nearly two months after the

For nearly two months after the Philatelic Agency informed all who ordered the last two plate numbers of these three stamps that they were sold out, or not in stock, the stmosphere was gloomy. If this period had lasted much longer inflated prices and values would have taken place on these three issues, especially on the last two numbers of each, which might have gone out of control, and would have reflected for years to come unreal values for them.

As luck would have it, several For nearly two months after the

As luck would have it, several months later the last two plate numbers of these three issues renumbers of these three issues reappeared at the Agency, as if
nothing had happened. Being deeply involved in this particular field,
along with many other dealers and
collectors. I felt certain I heard
a deep sigh of relief from most
plate block collectors all over the
48 states. From this moment on,
when these numbers again became
available, once more we were able
to give concern over better centering and condition. We now felt
stocks of these were available
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st a m p s (Barton, Poultry and Kearny), the number of impressions on the last two plate numbers were smaller than on the first two, but certainly they were not printed in a quantity that should make them scarce or rare. It is my personal belief that a reason for their temporary unavailability was the fact that the warehouse and stock rooms were pretty well jammed and clogged with the many stamps that came out, and that the three may have become buried, until found again.

Today, after nearly ten years,

found again.

Today, after nearly ten years, we find the Barton plates selling for between 20c and 30c each, Poultry from 25c to 40c, and Kearny from 20c to 30c. Of course specific numbers and positions, as well as the centering factor, may mean an extra difference in each instance. The plate block, in itself, usually does not cost as much if the particular number or position makes no difference to you, but when you are looking for a certain number and a certain position that may be harder to find, it generally does.

The centering on these three

The centering on these three stamps was much better on the first two plate numbers than on the last two.

Fort Kearny had an additional feature which had to be carefully examined when you bought either the plate block or the sheet. It appears that because of the brittleness of the paper, the perforations were split across the length, in the middle of the plate block. In many instances this was not obvious unless you checked carefully from close range. In spite of the near two to one ratio in the number of impressions, from the first two plates as compared to the last two, they are not so difficult to find even today.

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In connection with the forth-coming American Philatelic Con-gress in Norfolk, Va., October 4-6, the group has announced its full slate of officers, as elected at the recent 22nd session in Philadel-

recent 22nd session in Philadelphia.

The election of Mrs. A. Jay Hertz, Daniel W. Vooys and Henry Gates, to fill three positions on the Council have been announced. Mrs. Hertz, daughter of the late Eugene Klein, a founder of the Congress, and Mr. Gates are both from New York City. Mr. Vooys, founder of the Philatelic Literature Assn. is from Canajoharie, N. Y.

All officers were reelected.

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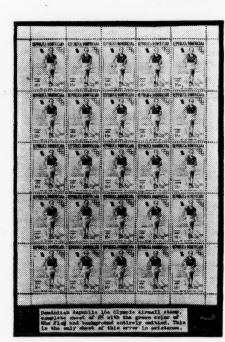
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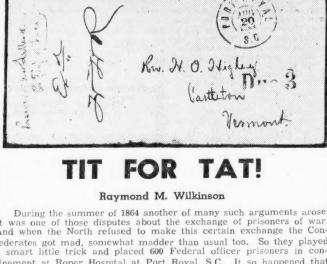
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It was one of those disputes about the exchange of prisoners of war. And when the North refused to make this certain exchange the Confederates got mad, somewhat madder than usual too. So they played a smart little trick and placed 600 Federal officer prisoners in confinement at Roper Hospital at Port Royal, S.C. It so happened that Roper was under fire of the Federal siege guns and the Confederates thought this would squelch the enemy.

But the foxy little trick didn't work. The Northern Army calmly placed 600 Confederate prisoners of war on Morris Island in Charleston Harbor which just happened to be under fire of their own guns.

Illustrated herewith is a prisoner of war cover and letter. It bears the Port Royal double ring town cancel, dated August 20, 1864 and various censor's marking. A pencilled notation "Prisoner of War and Per Flag of Truce" and "Due 3" marking which signifies the postage was collectible upon receipt by the addressee, who was the father, the Rev. H. O. Higley at Castleton, Vermont. Written by his son Ed from his southern prison home it tells in detail what happened and from his southern prison home it tells in detail what happened and the letter follows herewith:

C. S. Miltary Prison Charleston, S. C.

Dear Father

I was captured on the 29th of June last near Stony Creek Station, Va., at the winding up of Wilson's raid, and have been held prisoner at various places since then, mostly at Macon, Geo. We were moved from Macon last week and arrived here vester-

Capt. Grant, Dwight Smith, and Horace Lapham were captured with me. The two latter are confined at Andersonville, Geo. Capt. Adams is here. My health has been good all the while. We have had no opportunity to send letters before this. There are six-hundred prisoners here — all officers.

Write to me — and direct, giving regiment. Prisoner of War, Charleston, S. C. Per Flag of Truce.

Goodby, Ed.

Find Varieties Of 3 German Stamps

Several outstanding varieties to German stamps have been stricted by Andrew G. Flesch of Elinburst, N.Y. Mr. Flesch advises that experts in the United States and Europe have examined them and declared them genuine.



One is an inverted overprint on the souvenir sheet, Scott No. 105. This is the Munich Horse Race item which later was given the overprint in red for the Brown Ribbon Race, also in Munich in August 1937.

Of the 1933 regulars the 8pf orange Hindenburg has been found imperf between stamps on one large size piece.

The Centenary of German Railroads commems 25pf value (1935)

roads commems 25pf value (1935) has been found with a very clear double print. This is a postally used piece of cover with two of the stamps thereon.

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There will be a flat charge of 50 cents for registration on each order, regardless of value, where this protection is desired.

In order to expedite handling it is suggested that no other stamps be included with requests for the 11c souvenir sheets.

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Reelected to office by members of the Italy stamp group are the following — president C. Gustave Papa; vice presidents Henry Gieffers and Mario Collaiezzi; treasur-er Frank Colleta; secretary Ralph DeAngelis, 24-32 96th St., East Elm-hurst, L.I., N. Y. Persons interested in this society might drop a note to the secre-tary.

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PMG Discloses POD Improvement

Monday, March 25, 1957

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield claims in his newhy-released Annual Report for 1956 that "revolutionary" changes "unparalleled in postal history" are already underway in the Post Office Department.

Already, Mr. Summerfield says, mechanical and electronic improvements promise to usher out 50-year old hand methods of handling U. S. mails.

And, he adds, the Postal Service today finds itself at a point where "next day delivery of letters" anywhere in the nation is not "to far distant."

New developments that were underway in the 1956 fiscal year, Mr. Summerfield disclosed in the new 137-page book (printed by the Superintendent of Documents at \$1 a copy) include:

Discussions of possible electronic transmission of mail.

A machine (the working model is due in 1958) to read addresses

tronic transmission of mail.

A machine (the working model is due in 1958) to read addresses on letters and sort them automatically.

A machine that is being built to cancel mail electronically.

Mr. Summerfield's report also revealed these interesting facts, among many others, about the Post Office.

Post Office.

1. The nation's city delivery population is increasing by leaps and bounds, to a total of 37,979 routes in fiscal 1956, including in one year an increase of 3,971 routes to serve 199,763 additional business firms and 1,839,446 additional American families.

2. Public interest in stemms and

2. Public interest in stamp collecting is at a high point, with the \$1,894,855 sales of the Philatelic Agency the highest in 5

3. The Post Office Department handled 56,441,216,000 pieces of mail in 1956, about 20 billion more than the 36.3 billion of 1946, and more than double the 23.5 billion of a generation ago in 1936.

4. Money orders for \$5,911,182,-000 were issued in 1956, well above the previous year total of \$5,851,613,538.

5. Americans lost less money in dead letters, but still a sizeable amount, \$365,312 in 1956, compared with \$421,573 in fiscal 1955.

compared with \$421,373 In fiscal 1955.

6. But the total of dead letters was greater, 21,088,494, about a half million above 1955. Incidentally, Americans have been losing between 10 and 25 million dead letters a year since shortly after the turn of the century.

7. Despite the record 56 billion pieces of mail in 1956, it was handled with about as many post offices as the Department had back in 1877 (37,345 then and 37,515 in 1956.) And not since 1877 have there been fewer post offices than in 1956. In 1901, the U. S. had a record 76,945 post offices and only 7.4 billion pieces of mail. Advanced transportation systems and rural delivery account for the change.



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NEW YORK 38, N. Y.

(EDITORIAL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)

these stamps I would believe that a rule with a two point face would be used.

The other type is one of soft metal which is cast by a machine located right in the printing plant. Newspaper as well as large printing plants have such machines. This one however is soft and brittle and subject to being easily bent, nicked or broken, so that the best work is only done with brass and it is most probable that kind is used in the Bureau in making up the plates for overprinting these precancels.

How could the four point rule variety come about? There are but two ways. First is that the printer by error got hold of a four point and used it instead of a two point. This is the least likely way. The other would be that the printer may have picked up two of the two point rules and inserted them in the form without noticing them. Being perhaps fresh it is very probable that two pieces may have stuck

ing pernaps fresh it is very probable that two pieces may have stuck together and were thus inserted in the form and overlooked. Being new these two would print as one without showing a crack between them as would doubtless show if old brass rule and been used.

That is my theory and until a better explanation is given I will believe it. This however gives everyone a chance to find a rare variety as the 3c Prexy is a common stamp and a stamp that is normally overlooked by any Bureau Precancel Collector, as don't you all have one.

For The Record

A paragraph was added to my editorial of March 4 by our office to the effect that with the edition of March 11 we were going into our 30th volume. This is true. However, it does not mean that this marks the beginning of our 30th year.

However we have always run 52 numbers to a volume, that is, a full year, but when we moved from Columbus, Ohio to Sidney, Ohio in 1942 we also changed the size of our paper from a small magazine size to this tabloid newspaper size, and to make it convenient for binding in complete volumes we started a new volume number with the first of the tabloid size papers. Therefore the exact situation is as follows:

Our first paper was dated Monday, November 5, 1928. Our start on our 30th year therefore will be our first issue in November of this

When we moved to Sidney, we were in our 14th volume. The last paper in our small size, printed in Columbus, was dated March 14, 1942 Volume XIV, Whole Number 20. That was the end of Volume 14 as our next paper was printed in and dated from Sidney, Ohio and was Volume XV, whole Number 1. The first paper from Sidney was dated March 26, having thus skipped a week in making the move to Sidney. I am under the impression that in getting out this first issue I was still in Columbus but sent the copy to the Sidney printers and I was still in Columbus but sent the copy to the Sidney printers and that they got the paper out there and that I personally did not move to Sidney until April 6, 1942.

British Empire Group Invites Collectors

Guests are welcome. Inquiries may be directed to the temporary president, Paul P. Lindenberg, 530 W. 136th St., Apt. 25, New York 31, N. Y.

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Sharing Stamps With The Handicapped

M. S. Brainard

What have you done lately-What have you done lately—what have you ever done—open handedly in sharing our hobby? Are you now, like this writer was, sitting smugly on a horde of collectable material you will never regret ridding yourself of by passing it on to the handicapped? Did you ever treat yourself to the thrill of learning from those real stamp students who, in their shut-in time, probably know more about each specimen in their albums than do specimen in their albums than do most of us?

most of us?

Bringing this thesis into sharper Bringing this thesis into sharper focus, for many years this writer has been scrounging stamps pri-marily for the collectors in Camp White. Camp White is a U.S. Veterans Administration Domicili-Weterans Administration Domiciliary where some 1000, more or less, totally and permanently disabled veterans have their home. These men, as they say, "aren't going any place, any more." In a manner of speaking, they are past physical help and were transferred there to relieve the demand for beds in the Veterans' hospitals of the west coast.

They are from all walks of life and their disabilities range all the way from bedfast to wheelchair to ambulatory, and of all adult ages. Much is being done by the Administration to sustain their interests but outside help is a "must."

Doctors tell us one of the very

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Doctors tell us one of the very best therapies is interest in stamps. It is one therapy that can even be handled by the bedfast. With a superabundance of time, those interesting themselves in stamps frequently come up with some really surprising, specialized collections and frames from them are often prize winners, wherever displayed. Their special interests are often in categories overlooked by the most of us—topicals, cancellation varieties, etc.

But, to accomplish this therapy,

But, to accomplish this therapy, quantities of material are required. We have been quite successful in having shipments from "Stamps for the Wounded", via Harold Cummings, but Mr. Cummings advises there has been a sharp falling off of it. Supplementing this has been personal solicitations, both at home and abroad, which have turned up a trickle of stamps, and it is very a trickle of stamps, and it is very probable that the supply for all the handicapped will continue to diminish if we all fail them.

diminish if we all fail them.

There is probably not a single collector in the world who hasn't a lot of material stached away some place, that he'd never miss and could well be turned into a very valuable acquisition by some one who neither has such a cache nor the opportunity to get one.

Not only are the stamps themselves needed but the rest of the goods that go with the hobby—albums, stockbooks, hinges, tongs—they are all quite essential, and there are few who could not dig up at least some accessories.

In passing it would appear that a source of material may be over-

a source of material may be over-looked in the larger cities. Several years ago, when this writer was working out of a big, downtown

New York office building, he chanced to mention to the building superintendent the prospect of frisking the accumulated material from the building's waste baskets. There were several offices having a considerable amount of overseas

a considerable amount of overseas mail.

Boy! What a slug of beautiful stamps this vein panned out! But it was too good to last. Chumming with others of his ilk, the super found a market for the concession and that was that! Any of you readers (not building supers) might explore this field and come up with material that could be chan-nelled to the less fortunate, whether said reader is a collector or not.

And that is the story! Probably if you look about you you might find, right in your home town, some unfortunate who would be very happy if introduced to or helped in stamping. It is a simple and very inexpensive charity, and while I have written of one specific outlet, there are many, many others and Camp White is not the only domiciliary in the country although there are very few in this category. category.

There are orphanages, old people's homes, and possibly a shutin individual in the next block who
would welcome A N Y divers' n
from the monotony of their existence. The mess of stuff you have
stowed away in a closet, and which
you've culled time and again,
would fit into this program nicely,
and you'd never regret or miss
putting it into circulation. While
I'm at it, I'll put in a plug for
the stamp periodicals—send in a
subscription for your pet paper to
be sent to some gal or guy who
will really make use of same.
There is an essential to the deal! There are orphanages, old peowill really make use of same. There is an essential to the deal!

Don't make it a "one-shot project!" Those benefitted are the ones who either aren't ever going to get well or their improvement is a long, long pull. For the many stamp clubs or other civic groups with projects, it should be set up ideally, as a sustained project with a member charged with the job of bumming material and periodically making remittanc's.

And if there is an institution in your neighborhood where folks are congregated, because of their physical condition, for long periods, please make a contact and, if conditions warrant, set up and sus-

ditions warrant, set up and sus-tain a group of collectors. You'll find them most enthusiastic and appreciative probably informative in things you, lacking time, have overlooked.

overlooked.

Having been a certified veterans service officer for some twenty years, and having been hospitalized many, many times, pardon my observation that in this instance, at least, I know what "the deal" is.

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RECENT SPECIAL FLIGHTS FROM EUROPE include two repre-RECENT SPECIAL FLIGHTS FROM EUROPE include two represented by these covers. That at the top is of the February 24 Scandinavian Airlines System flight from Copenhagen, Denmark across the North Pole to Tokyo, Japan. The cachet in the oval was applied at Vienna where the cover was forwarded to Copenhagen for the trip. It is backstamped at the Tokyo Airfield. The other cover is of the Mittelholzer Memorial Flight from Zurich, Switzerland to Cape Town, South Africa. It took place on February 9, with Cape Town receiving mark dated February 18.

United Kingdom Comment

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George Saint

Gibbons Damn The Imperfs.

Stanley Gibbons Ltd. are in the news again, this time because of an action in which they will, to be sure, enjoy the backing of every collector of United Kingdom issues.

To begin with, a little bit of history. On December 23 a post office counter clerk in the Dartford, Kent, post office, found a sheet of the ordinary light brown 2d stamps—then much used for Christmas cards—which had escaped all the checks devised by printers and post office alike, and slipped through to the counter without being perforated.

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without being perforated.

The girl in question (she was aged 16 and had only been in the postal service for four months) showed the sheet to one of her neighboring workers, who advised her that it was valuable property. So she put £2 for the value of the stamps into the till, and took the sheet home. Promptly she sold her valuable discovery to a small dealer and furniture contractor in Dartford, called Lofts, who in his turn, ford, called Lofts, who in his turn, took them to a London trader for

Lofts paid out £40. Rumor hath it that he recevied £300 (\$1000) for it that he recevied £300 (\$1000) for his purchase, and still further rumor spread to the effect that the item would receive Stanley Gibbons catalog status, and be valued at about \$30,000 for the sheet. The news now really hit the national headlines, and the post office in London, who had not been entirely unaware of what was going on, promptly set inquiries on foot.

At first Lofts declared that be

At first, Lofts declared that he bought the stamps and found later to his amazement that they were imperforate. A day or two afterwards he changed his tune and decided he had had no idea "people could be so foolish" as to pay that amount of money for a sheet of stamps. At least, he certainly never received it. never received it.

Such was the stir created by this announcement, that a body of high powered traders from all sections of the profession staged a meeting, at which they decided to investigate the business in a to investigate the business in a proper and seemly manner. They arrived at only one logical conclusion, namely that they could do little else except endorse the opinion which catalogue editor Frederick Wall put before the assembly. This was that, taking into account the circumstances under which the sheet was sold, they did not propose to grant it catalogue status.

This decision was published in

This decision was published in the February issue of Gibbons Stamp Monthly, when it was an-nounced that only a footnote, and that in adverse terms, would be included in the next edition of their British Empire catalogue.

The full text of this condemnation reads: "In December 1956 a completely imperforate sheet of S.G. 543b was noticed by clerks in a Kent post office, one of whom purchased it against post office regulations. In view of this irreg-

ularity we do not consider it properly issued."
The irregularity lay, of course, in the fact that the girl, having noticed the sheet, should have handed it in for return to stores and eventual destruction. A similar sheet of 1/- stamps was found some time ago in another office, and was so treated, the officer responsible for its destruction being paid a reward of £3.

In the future, the Post Office would appear to be wise in stepping up its scale of reward payments, else the tempting bait of collectors' money might prove stronger than the lure of \$10 from the official kitty.

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Incidentally, the result of Gibbons' footnote is expected to be a rapid devaluation of the "Dartford find". Similar imperforate specimens of the earlier British King George V photogravure printings are valued in London at about £8 to £10 apiece, roughly one tenth the unit price asked for the Dartford imperforates. Some of these have now been sent through the post and officially cancelled, which should confuse the position still further!

Best-Ever "Stampex"

This column is written some months before publication, so it can never be as up to date as I would like. All I can report is that the 1957 "Stampex" exhibition will be the most successful one ever staged in the series. All bourse space went long ago; the competition organized via the British philatelic societies drew hundreds of entries, and an attractive device entries, and an attractive device called "Stan the Stamp Collector" was adapted as the motif of the show. "Stan" is, of course, based on one of the New Zealand Arms type stamps.

He is composed of four different

He is composed of four different sections of postage stamps—a Malta Silver Jubilee type showing the well-known view of Windsor Castle, an Australian King George VI definitive, one of the USA "Flag" stamps, and one of the French Colonial postage dues. However, the detailed designs did not lend themselves to small reductions, so "Stan" was suitably simplified for the small formats.

There were also a range of post-

There were also a range of post-al souvenirs, including postcards impressed with the 2d stamp die, the first pieces of private postal stationery ever released in connec-tion with "Stampex". Both it and a card without impressed stamp, as well as an official cacheted en-velope were sold via the "Stamp-ex" offices and through dealer members of the Philatelic Traders' Society.
The P.T.S. incidentally is organ-

ring F.1.s. incidentally is organizing the show in conjunction with the Junior Philatelic Society (Junior only in name, for it contains many famous philatelists long-past their first flush of youth), and expects a record through-put of visitors.

Latest Malta set released March

Latest Malta set, released March. Latest Malta set, released March, 6 is a trio of stamps recalling the 15th anniversary of the award of the George Cross to the island. Again, artist Michael Goaman was called in to rebuild the designs for the printers, Harrison & Sons Ltd., who were presented with some most indifferent material to work on.

Each design features (a part

from the inevitable medallion of the Queen) the George Cross which Malta wants printed in silver, and which Harrison's are more anxious to print in silver grey because of the difficulties of working with metallic pigment inks, and a typical wartime scene on the island. Let's hope that the Goaman ability which rescued New Zealand's "Frozen Meat" series from oblivion and turned it into the best-selling design it is, has again succeeded in making a passable work of art from a number of disharmonious unities.

Mrs. Stallard Heads Topeka Stamp Club

New officers of the Topeka, Kans. Stamp Club have been announced. The official family is headed by president Mrs. Emerson T. Stallard. Virgil D. Crow is vice president; Russell Howard, treasurer; Brook L. Haines, secretary, 1902 Lane St., Topeka, Kans.
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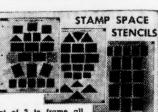
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Stamp From Germany?

Ho-hum; well, it's an opinion, anyway, and it's been attributed to the 20pf. West Berlin stamp honoring the 725th anniversary of the creation of the Berlin suburb of Spandau as an individual entity. Spandau, of course, received an unpleasant reputation during the recent war when its name was applied to a type of German light machine gun. But apart from that, nothing very remarkable happened between its creation as a municipality in 1231, and its gradual merging with the capital, first of Brandenburg and later of Prussia, until it became merely another suburb of the sprawling capital city of Berlin.

One ought not to deny Berlin one of its few chances of historical reminiscence, even though perhaps the 725th anniversary of a suburb might not seem the most important of occasions. At least the Federal Printing Office produced a hand-

Printing Office produced a hand-some creation, based on an old en-graving by Kuhlmey, about 100 years old, with a wooden bridge linking it to Berlin, and some old barges in the middle distance.

For the first time, the Federal Printing Office is to try out its new Giori press on this stamp, which will be produced in red and olivegreen. The two million copies are expected to be rapidly absorbed into commerical mail.

Stamps - Or Not?

Received as this is written, are the latest two stamps from the Democratic Republic; they honor the Leipzig Fair. Perhaps "honor" is too strong a word, because these stamps, whilst bringing to mind the Leipzig Fair as such, continue to concentrate very markedly on selling German export goods. This development (a natural one for a Trade Fair), is possible only where all the industry is State-owned and nationalized, for in no "capitalist" country would it be possible to depict accurately any one particular product on stamps.

If you don't believe me, just remember the hullabaloo which started when somebody thought they could recognize a Reo truck on the U.S. commemorative honoring the Trucking Industry.

Here, however, we have undeniable (and hard selling) pictures of the 10,000 freighter as produced by the V.E.B. Volkswerft, Warnemuende, and of the current production batch of electric locomotives turned out by the Ernst Thaelmann works in Magdeburg. These in any event hardly look like stamps at all, but have become

These in any event hardly look like stamps at all, but have become straight pictorial vignettes without very much artistic or other merit.

Berlin Printing Puzzle

In a letter from the Landespostdirektion, Berlin, the local post office skillfully avoids the answer as to why it was necessary to demonetize the 7pf. Berlin Funkturm stamp in the offset printing, which was with drawn from sale last December. These stamps, the post office explained, are valid until the end of this year, and therefore a chance of continuous continuous as the stamps. are valid until the end of this year, and therefore a chance of confusion is very small indeed. But as the definitive letter-press printing which replaced the original version is identical in all respects except that it bears an inscription along the top, which is missing on the first issues, there is a very real chance of a mix-up occurring.

They made no attempt whatso-They made no attempt whatso-ever to explain the necessity for rendering this stamp invalid at all, and simply opened the door for philatelic jiggery-pokery from col-lectors who still have stocks of the old issue and like to pull a fast one on the authorities.

Swiss Publicity Not Successful

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polish and perfection of which the Swiss are capable is beginning to pall, but quite definitely there have been more handsome productions from the house of Courvoisier than these four adhesives.

Particularly disappointing is the grey and red 20 centimes, which symbolizes Civil Defense. I feel that so much more could have been done with two shields, one guarding the other, and that the colors themselves do not exploit the potentials of photogravure printing to the best possible extent.

tent.

The same might, incidentally be applied to all four values in the set, which are kept in the completely flat colors which one expects from offset lithography. Far and away the best of the lot is the low value for "Graphis 57", the print exhibition in Lausanne. This is based on the well-known poster motif and scales in with the overall publicity plan of the Exhibition.

The 40c value for the bi-millenary

all publicity plan of the Exhibition.

The 40c value for the bi-millenary of Basle is fussy and confused with its stylized profile of a Roman legionary (the original founder) and its quasi-silhouette background of Fasle today and its Rhine Harbor installations.

As for the St. Gotthard stamp (10c), it reminds me of nothing so much than a good travel poster, the likes of which can be seen by the dozen on any railway station.

East Germany vs. The Rest

East Germany vs. The Rest

A handsome fight has developed between the East German and Austrian post offices. Both countries, it will be remembered, issued stamps to aid Hungarian relief, but what was good for the goose was by far not good enough for the German "democratic" gander. He ordained that the Austrian stamps could not serve the purpose which the Austrian government had said they did, for after all, Austria could not be right—she was not a "peoples" democracy". Therefore her Hungarian relief stamps did not aid Hungary, they financed espionage and other doubtful projects, whereas of course the East German emissions were all that could be desired of them.

Well—everyone is entitled to his opinion, but things went a little too far when Austrian first day covers far when Austrian first day covers bearing these stamps simply did not reach their East German addressees. This form of insidious censorship coupled with a dictate as to which stamps should, or should not, be collected by the "democratically-minded" collectors in East Germany, was certainly a last straw, and the East Germans have been accused via the UPU in Berne and via the Austrian diplomatic representations as having slandered Austria's honor and integrity. integrity.

No News Of Saar Printings

There have been various rumors about the size of the edition of the first Saar commemorative under German jurisdiction, the one der German jurisdiction, the one honoring the Saar re-unification with the Federal Republic. But nothing definite has been heard. I understand however that the figure of 3 million copies has been named as a possibility; if so, it is by far the largest printing of a commemorative ever to have been published for the territory with its 800.000 inhabitants.

One thing is certain, the stamp has been on sale at all Saar post offices since January 1, and there is no sign of a shortage. Previous issues of about 1 million pieces have been rapidly absorbed, but the demand apparently has now been satisfied.

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been satisfied.

Incidentally, there has been a subtle change in the policies of the Saar stamp issues, They must be approved by Bonn. . .but no longer by the Bonn stamp design council sitting in conclave. The final decision on stamp design is now vested in the person of the Federal Minister of Posts, and the Design Council must bow to his ultimate judgment. I look forward to the first stamps under the new aegis, those honoring the Saar International Fair in Saarbrucken.

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25, 26 and 27.

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Exceptional prices for the following items were realized. The United States, 24c carmine rose and blue with center inverted brought \$2500. Australia 1920 Ross Smith dark blue miniature sheet, one of ten recorded, \$540; Colombie 2c carmine rose, horizontal strip of four, \$2300; France 1928 10fr on 90c block of four, and 10fr on 1.50fr, the two blocks realized

Other airmail stamps that brought prices beyond expectations included Germany, Greece, Ice-land, Papua, Philippines, Salvador, Syria and Uruguay.

A list of prices realized is available from John A. Fox, 110 W. 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.

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May 3-Alex S. Juliard, Narberth, Pa. United States, Great Britain and Commonwealth, Italian States.

U. S. Perf Centennial Celebrated This Year

The centennial of perforated stamps in the United States will be celebrated this year, marking the appearance of the popular 1857 issue. The prime celebration will be by the Three Cent 1851-57 Unit of The American Philatelic Society, which will observe the centennial with a convention and exhibition July 1-7 at the National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia.

This is the second centennial sponsored by the 1851-57 Unit, the first having been the centennial of the 1851 stamps, also observed with an exhibition and convention at the Philadelphia museum. museum.

museum.

The official title for this year's celebration is "U.S. Perforation Centennial, 1857-1957". In addition to the convention and exhibition, the '51-'57 Unit will once more publish the Museum Bulletin for the occasion. The 1951 book, on the stamps and postal history of that period, is already a collector's item.

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already a collector's item.

Towner K. Webster, Oregon, Ill., president of the Unit, has appointed Mortimer L. Neinken of New York as chairman, and William W. Hicks of Villanova, Pa. as associate chairman. Joining with them is Morris Fortgang of New York, directing financing of the "Perf Book."

Data on the convention-exhibition may be obtained by writing to the chairman, Mortimer L. Neinken, 49 W. 23rd St., New York 10, N.Y.

Western Theme For Stanislaus Cachet

The Stanislaus Stamp Club of Modesto, Calif. announces their tenth annual philatelic exhibition to be held April 27 and 28 in the Modesto Irrigation District auditorium.

The club will issue another of

auditorium.

The club will issue another of their old time western cacheted envelopes with a suitable commemorative stamp. The design will have a stage coach with 1857 postal cancels as a background, and will again be the work of the San Francisco artist John Coulthard.

"PSPS Philatelist" For Michigan Society

"The Peninsular Philatelist" ends the seventh year of publi-cation with its most ambitious effort to date as a compliment to erior to date as a compliment to the annual convention of the Peninsular State Philatelic So-ciety. A 10-page issue and a two page insert, was recently sent to members.

The insert was prepared by Milton Greenbaum. He relates the story of the "Toledo Strip". The fabulous Manhattan, Michigan Territory, and Manhatton, Ohio (a few days later), covers are illustrated. (a few da illustrated.

"The Beaver Island Story" is the title of an article by Thomas Blinn, Detroit. Illustrations in-clude a man of the Beaver Is-land archipelago and the rare triangular mark of Beaver Is-land, May 11, 1853.

Kenneth Priestley writes about "Unusual Michigan Cancellations". Three interesting ones are shown and include an RFD, another recently discovered octagon and a "P. O." in circle.

An original study is reported by Richard G. Ebach, "Carrier Markings of East Saginaw", which includes examples of nine of these carrier markings. The only known "Used Up" cancellation of Michigan is among

cancellation of Michigan is among the five illustrations used by Marvin Preston. His interesting article is entitled, "Oddities of Michigan Postal History". Charles M. Gildart, has edited the publication continuously for seven years. He is assisted by Charles J. Stainer. Robert H. Schoen is business manager. "The Peninsular Philatelist" is the official journal of the P.S.P.S.

the official journal of the P.S.P.S. the official journal of the P.S.P.S. and is sent periodically to members. Although primarily devoted to Michigan collectors, the publication has found wide acceptance throughout the country. Information regarding membership may be secured from the secretary, John D. Laurenz, 921 Pleasant, Saginaw, Mich.

ATA Handbook For 'Ships On Stamps'

Over 9500 stamps picturing ships Over 9500 stamps picturing ships will be listed in the newest of the American Topical Assn. handbooks. Edited by H. E. Ray of the Ships on Stamps Unit of the ATA, "Watercraft Philately" is scheduled for publication early in June. All types of stamps listed in Scott's 1957 catalog and supplements will be included. Three different classifications will be used to indicate how important or how

to indicate how important or how large the ship is in the stamp's design. Detailed, authentic descriptions of 500 identified ships such as date built, owners, etc., will be included to aid the collector in mounting and arranging his collection.

The manuscript runs to 120 typed pages. Lavishly illustrated, the new handbook is certain to be one of the most popular ever issued by the ATA, since the collecting of ships on stamps is among the top four topics in a survey conducted recently

recently.
A stamped, addressed envelope, or IR coupon will bring additional information on the ATA and its many publications. Merely write E. C. Cleveland, Apt. 3, 5104 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Ohio Panhandle Area Collectors Invited

Collectors in the panhandle area of Ohio centering around Steubenville are invited to the meetings of the Pan Handle Stamp Club of that city. That includes nearby communities in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

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West Virginia.

Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the YMCA at 8 p.m.

The president is Willard Huff, P.
O. Box 716, Toronto, Ohio.

Postal Stationery Show In Baltimore

What is thought to be the world's first philatelic exhibition to show postal stationery only, will be held in Baltimore, Md. from October 11 through October 13.

In October 1956 the Collectors Club of Baltimore organized a committee to investigate the possibility of an exhibition showing postal stationery only. Since that time the committee has delved into the various problems involved and has been pleasantly surprised by the mounting enthusiasm. A location has been chosen that offers accomodations suitable for an international show in Baltimore's War Memorial Building directly opposite the City Hall.

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The United Postal Stationery Society has offered its full cooperation and has taken a lounge at

ciety has offered its full coopera-tion and has taken a lounge at the show and appropriated generous awards, one of which will be the grand. William H. Maisel is the gen-

to be sent to Mrs. Macie Nolker, Bonnie View Lane, Baltimore 27. Md.

The prospectus giving all details is ready for distribution. Booths will be available to dealers for the sale of stamps as well as postal stationery.

Alaskan Cachet For Fifth Exhibition

"On April 28 during the annual exhibition, the Anchorage, Alaska Philatelic Society will sponsor its 5th APEX cacheted cover. Price 10c each regular mail, 15c airmail.

10c each regular mail, 15c airmail. The deadline for orders is April 24. Names and addresses, and payments, are to be sent to the Anchorage Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 2214, Anchorage, Alaska. The Anchorage Society still has a few First Day Cancellation covers of the Slogan, "Anchorage, Allamerica City" at 10c each. Enclose self-addressed stamped (3c) business-size envelope for the re-

business-size envelope for the return of the covers.

SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers will want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular

country or specialty.

The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—

April 29 — France & Colonies

May 27—Philatelic Foundation.
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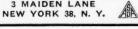
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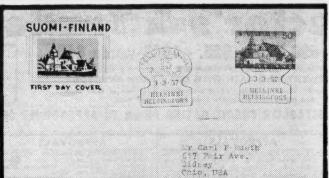
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THE CHURCH AT LAMMI, FINLAND is to be seen on the new 50 markkas regular which that nation issued on March 3. The color is a soft brown. The special cancellation applied to covers on the inaugural date, somewhat in the nature of a keyhole, can be clearly seen in the center. Covers were sent by Gunnar Madsen, Tollose, Denmark and Martin Bostrom, Orebro, Sweden.



Kenneth M. Gierhart P. O. Box 302 Baltimore, Ohio

UP-STATE NEW YORK CLUB

The Up-State New York Precancel Club will hold its annual Spring Round Up at the Wellington Hotel in Albany, N.Y. on Sunday April 28th. Activities begin at 10 a.m. All precancel collectors in the vicinity (or from anywhere) are cinity (or from anywhere) are cordially invited.

GUNESCH—CODA CATALOG SOLD OUT

For the second time an edition of this catalog has run short. A reprint is being made and copies should be available by the time this is in print. If you have experienced a delay in getting your catalog it is quite possible this is the reason. This Third edition (second printing) will be an exact duplicate of the first except it will carry a different date release. The price is still \$1 and can be obtained from the publisher, Gunesch Precancel House, 30 West Washington St. Chicago 2, Ill., or your favorite precancel dealer.

BULLETIN BOARD

The Southern California bulletin in with a 2c Prexy from Agnew, Calif. (U-120n type) The California count is 623 Towns and 1062 types. Wm. Armstrong of Norfolk, Nebr. has released a treatise on precancels. Maybe a little brief but it covers a lot of fundamentals and history of the precancel field. Recomend it to beginners. Write Mr. Armstrong about a copy of

and history of the precancel field. Recomend it to beginners. Write Mr. Armstrong about a copy of his work called "Precancels". Mine was mailed with a 2c Prexy from Winside, Nebr.

The second edition of the "Southern Precancel Collector" is at hand. Its six mimeographed pages of notes, lists and ads pertaining to precancels of the south. This sheet is NOT connected with any precancel club but is an independent paper. Write C. C. Franklin, 3301 Thomas Ave., Huntington, W. Va., if interested in precancels of the south. This edition was mailed with a pair of ½c Prexies and a 1c Liberty from Kenova, W. Va.

A little bulletin of my own. I need some 2c mint Prexy sheets. Does your office still have a few? Drop the editor of this column a card if you can help him out. It will be appreciated.

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ALGERIA. A 20fr stamp was issued recently, green in color, and showing a Bardo villa. AUSTRALIA. Information is re-

AUSTRALIA. Information is received that a 2 shilling stamp will be issued in the near future inscribed "Australian Antarctic Territory". A map of Australian

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claims in the area will be featured along with the flag of the Australian expedition in the Vestfold Hills area in March 1954.

COLOMBIA. "Extra Rapido" has been overprinted in red, for domestic airmail, on the 5c blue stamp showing the map of San Andres and Providence.

GERMANY (West) Two stamps

GERMANY (West). Two stamps, Jeff. and 5pfg., were issued on February 23 as part of the new set of Berlin Buildings. The 1pfg. bluegray shows the Brandenburger Tor, and the 5pfg. lilac shows the house of the Landespostdirektion Berlin.

Berlin.

To date the following values have been issued: 1pfg., 5pfg., 7pfg., 8pfg., 10pfg., 15pfg., 20pfg., 25pfg., 50pfg., 70pfg., and 1 Mark.

ITALIAN SOMALIAND. Five values are expected shortly from this Territory under United Nations Mandate to Italy. There will be three postage and two airmails featuring the Coat of Arms of Somaliland.

JAPAN. The following commensurations are sent to the commensurations of the coat o

JAPAN. The following commemoratives stamps are to be issued during 1957: accomplishment of atomic reactor (June); Interna-tional Geophysical Year (July 1); Twelfth National Athletic Meet (October 26); and opening of the Kwannon Tunnel (December).

NEPAL. A 12 pice blue triangular stamp has been issued. It marks the Anniversary of the country's admission to the United

Nations.

ROMANIA. Toward the end of 1956 a stamp was reissued with a corrected date for the "Seven Years of Collective Farms".

ROMANIA. A 55 bani violet stamp was issued during October 1956, honoring Jon de Hunedoara. Four multicolored airmail stamps were issued on December 15 last showing planes over the fol-

stamps were issued on December 15 last showing planes over the following areas: 20 bani (industrial region); 55 bani (over mountains); 1.75 Lei (over corn field); and 2.55 Lei (over sea).

RUSSIA. A 40kop. stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of D. I. Mendeleev, Russian scentist and chemist, was issued on February 6.

TRISTAN Da CUNHA. On February 1 the five-value set of post-

ruary 1 the five-value set of postage due stamps was issued. They are: 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, ad 5d.

Bor President Of Chicago's Midway Club

Newly installed officers of the Midway Stamp Club, 5718 Archer Avenue, Chicago 38, Ill. are president, Sigmund Bor; vice president, Robert Weisz; secretary, William Gorky, 609 W. Drummond Pl., Chicago 14, Ill.; treasurer, Stanley Kucharz.

The club meets every first and third Wednesday of the month at the above address. Meetings be-

the above address. Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. promptly and are short. Trading amongst members is brisk and discussions of philatelic interest are carried on at every meeting. Visitors are al-ways welcome. The members collect stamps of the world to make a general collecting club.

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CONFEDERATE STAMPS (Continued from page 1)

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Each year, generally at one of the outstanding stamp exhibitions, the Confederate Trophy is awarded to the best exhibit of Confederate to the best exhibit of Confederate stamps and covers, and winners in the past of this coveted award have been: August Dietz, Van Dyk MacBride, Col. Harrie S. Mueller, A. Earl Weatherly, Eben D. Finney, Earl Antrim, Eugene Wulfekuhler, Miss Metta Heatthcote, Frank E. Hart, Dr. Griffin G. Frazier, David Kohn and Charles F. Meroni. F. Meroni.

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Herget President At Buffalo, New York

Frank Herget is the newly elected president of the Bison Philatelic Society of Buffalo, N.Y. He and the other officers were installed at the time of the club's 24th anniversary party.

Julius Niklas is the vice president; Howard Edinger treasurer; Carlton Schaefer, secretary, 37 Clinton St., Akron, N.Y.

Meetings are held every Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 1899 Seneca St. Visitors are invited. Frank Herget is the newly elect-

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Flatbush Club Elects **Brooks President**

Emanuel Brooks is the recently elected president of the Flatbush Philatelic Club of Brooklyn, N.Y. Others in the official family are vice president Alan Washor; treasurer Samuel Friedman; secretary Maurice Blier, Apt. 1-H, 555 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn 26, N.Y.

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The Nashville, Tenn. Philatelic Society will hold its annual stamp exhibition April 27 and 28 in the Andrew Jackson Hotel.

The theme commemorates the The theme commemorates the 80th anniversary of the historic Buffalo Balloon flight which left Nashville June 18, 1877, carrying mail which was franked with what has been termed the world's first airmail stamps—printed in light blue, with the wording "Balloon Postage - Five Cents"—and an illustration of the Buffalo Balloon.

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A cachet for this occasion will be printed on envelopes to be mailed from Nashville during the exhibition, and the anniversary date of the balloon flight, June 18, 1957.

These cachets are offered at 10c each, or 3 for 25c (state dates they are to be mailed). Souvenir sheets with facsimile reprints of the Buffalo Balloon stamps and appropriate wording, are also offered at 5c each, enclosed in the cacheted envelopes. (5c each, plus 3c postage, if only the souvenir sheets are ordered).

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Douglas Ave., Nashville 6, Tenn.

Ping Pong Games Cancel From Sweden

Ping Pong has gotten another philatelic recognition, this time by Sweden, which on March 7 used a special postmark for the World Championships of the games in Stockholm.

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Germany has also prepared severl special cancels one of which
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The cancel as seen on a cover from Joachim Dill of Bad Neustadt, Germany has the insignia of the event, dedication and the town and date.

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Indian legend is the basis of the Order of the Arrow for service to others over and above normal Scout duties. For this reason the Lodge will use the Indian Centennial Issue Stamp of 1948 on the

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